

# GREENBELT News Review

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## Flower, Garlands Featured At Green Man Festival

by Richard McMullin

If you're going to the Center this weekend, be sure to wear some flowers in your hair for the 12th annual Green Man Festival. This year flowers and all the blooming things will be celebrated. Children will be able to make small flower gardens and learn how to make paper flowers. One could make a green figure with a giant bug for a friend or run into a fellow doing magic tricks under the sun or chase the bubbles floating through the air. There will be tasty festival food with an international flair and good sweet treats. Bring a refillable water bottle and become a Zero Waste citizen.

The Green Man invites all to join in recognizing these delicate, vibrant, subtle and gregarious expressions of the rooted ecosys-

tem. Flowers call out to the eye, surprise the nose and announce the spring and the hint of things to come. They are fleeting, but not soon forgotten ... and always promise to return. Though they may seem frivolous, flowers are essential to the thin carpet of life on this planet.

If looking for a way to get in touch with the body's inner flower, there will be a workshop held in the back room of the New Deal Café, at around 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 7. Margaret Stricklett will do a short workshop called "Loving Yourself is Good Singing." She will demonstrate through breath and singing exercises that good singing is feeling loving kindness toward ourselves. Participants will be guided by

See **GREEN MAN**, page 6

## Greenbelt Fire Department To Receive Funds from City

by James Giese

At its April 6 budget worksession the Greenbelt City Council reviewed the proposed Fire and Rescue budget for Fiscal Year 2017 with Chief Tom Ray and Vice-President John Wynkoop of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. (GVFD&RS). Councilmembers made little comment and raised no objections to the proposed city contributions of \$98,000 to GVFD&RS and two other volunteer companies. Funds for advanced life support training were placed on the council wish list of possible additions to the budget if funds can be found.

Although fire and rescue squad services are county functions for which the county levies taxes, the City of Greenbelt provides additional financial support, particularly to GVFD&RS. To begin with, the city built and owns

that department's fire house located on Crescent Road in central Greenbelt. Although the department does not pay rent to the city, it has assumed responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the building. In addition, the city assists the department in raising funds to purchase fire equipment. Greenbelt volunteers provide substantial person power for fire and rescue operations, primarily at night and on weekends. Prince George's County paid personnel provide weekday daytime coverage and emergency medical technicians for ambulance services.

While GVFD&RS responds to calls in all sections of the city, other volunteer departments are nearer to and can more quickly reach some areas of Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West and are

See **FIRE DEPT.**, page 7

## Parking Lot Design Options Presented for Buddy Attick Park

by James Giese

Sharon Bradley of Bradley Site Design presented the Greenbelt City Council with two alternate preliminary design concepts for reconstructing and enlarging the parking lot at Albert S. "Buddy" Attick Park at the council's April 20 worksession. Both call for use of permeable pavement and bioretention swales to curb stormwater runoff. Council seemed to be pleased with both designs, but did not express a preference. Council also was interested in moving forward but it was not clear what the next steps would be.

### History

Ever since the first Lake Park Master Plan was prepared by Thurmond Donovan some 45 years ago, there has been an interest in upgrading the parking lot, but only piecemeal expansions and improvements have been undertaken.

Originally the lot was beside Crescent Road and consisted of a double row of parking on a single aisle. Then there was no Kenilworth Avenue. Crescent Road intersected with Edmonston Road which ran parallel to the new Kenilworth and just west of it. Remnants of Edmonston remain south of Greenbelt Road in Berwyn Heights and north of Greenbelt Road in the Franklin Park area. At Cherrywood Lane going north, Kenilworth becomes Edmonston Road.

When the Capital Beltway was built, Kenilworth became the interchange for it and Edmonston was blocked off. The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) sought to relocate Crescent Road further to the north away from the interchange with the relocated road to intersect with Kenilworth opposite Ivy Lane, but as a "temporary" measure moved the street only a

short distance north, creating a triangular parcel of private land between the new and old roadways known as Parcel 9.

The city bought Parcel 9 as well as three parcels of land on the south side of Crescent Road to add to the lake park, later named in honor of Buddy Attick, the city's longtime Public Works director. When SHA decided to take the city's Public Works property for the District Engineer Office, a site for a new Public Works facility was needed. The city council chose Parcel 10 for the new facility. Even though it was purchased with federal open space grant monies, it was possible to use the property that way because the new facility would support the maintenance of open space.

Now owning both sides of the abandoned old Crescent Road,

the city vacated it as a dedicated street right-of-way and it became the service yard for the new facility. However, none of the water, sewer, electric, etc. utility lines were relocated when the road was and all city development had to take their existence into consideration.

Old Crescent was also vacated as a right-of-way beside the park parking lot, enabling the city to double the size of that lot and provide parking for Public Works employees. Only minor changes have been made to the parking lot since then.

### New Plans

Bradley presented the city with two options. At first glance, both options look quite alike and quite similar to the existing parking lot layout with just a slight

See **PARKING LOTS**, page 8

## Council Reviews Locations For Greenbelt Gateway Signs

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council received slightly revised entrance sign plans from Sharon Bradley of Bradley Site Design at its April 20 worksession. The more expensive and elaborate monument signs, which involve a large sign panel placed on a low stone retaining wall bearing the city logo and the words Welcome to Greenbelt, would be placed at only two locations instead of three: at Southway off of Greenbelt Road where the map welcome sign used to be and at the traffic circle for Cherrywood Lane and Metro Station Drive aimed at visitors arriving by Metro transit. Also, the Southway sign would add "Historic" before Greenbelt. Tall columnar "Greenbelt" signs would be placed at six locations instead of three and small pole "Welcome" signs would be placed at two instead of three locations. While councilmembers generally seemed satisfied with the revised proposal, some concerns were raised.

Councilmember Judith Davis raised concerns that there would be no monument sign for Greenbelt East. The earlier plan called for one on Hanover Parkway at Good Luck Road. However, the distinction was made that the Southway sign should be more significant because it was the principal entrance to the historic original planned community.

A second monument sign for Crescent Road off Kenilworth Avenue was also discussed, but Councilmember Leta Mach thought that a columnar was appropriate because that area was not a part of the original community.



IMAGE BY SHARON BRADLEY

**New signs are planned for the entrances to the city.**

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked how much the signs would cost. He was told that cost estimating was not a part of Bradley's design contract. He felt that both the monument and column signs were too elaborate and felt that Greenbelt, like other municipalities, should only have small pole signs marking city limits.

Councilmember Konrad Herling continued to be concerned that a bus shelter was not being planned by the Southway sign where there is a stop. He had previously been told there was not enough room there for one. It was noted that a nearby stop at Lakecrest Drive and Greenbelt Road was more heavily used and that the stop could be relocated farther up Southway, where a shelter could be built.

Mayor Emmett Jordan continued to urge that the columnar signs be designed so that banners could be attached to the reverse side to announce special events.

### What Goes On

**Saturday, May 7**  
7 to 9:45 p.m., Contra Dance, Community Center (Lessons at 6:30 p.m.)  
**Monday, May 9**  
5:30 p.m., Youth Advisory Committee Meeting, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Room 205  
8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming on [greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv)  
**Wednesday, May 11**  
7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board, Community Center  
7:30 p.m., City Council Budget Worksession with Green Ridge House, Green Ridge House



PHOTO BY INGRID COWAN HASS

Lucy Dirksen works with Greenbelt Elementary students on a science and arts project. See page 9.



# Letters to the Editor

## City Manager Retiring

I have advised the city council that I plan to retire around the end of this year. The council will shortly begin the process of selecting a search firm to assist them with the hiring of a new city manager.

My wife Leslie and I want to thank the Greenbelt community, all the council members I have had the pleasure of working for, and all my past and present colleagues over the years for what they do for the community and the support they have given to me personally. It has been a special honor and privilege to have worked for this great community and organization for almost 37 years. In this profession, being able to remain in one community for your entire career is a rarity and I am very grateful to have been able to do that.

It has been an exciting time. The community has grown and there have been many significant accomplishments. These include expanding Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West and watching them build and bring new residents, celebrating Greenbelt’s 50th and 75th anniversaries including establishing and expanding the Greenbelt Museum, having Greenbelt recognized as a National Historic Landmark, having a Metro station open, building new city facilities such as the Aquatic Center, Police Station and Public Works facility, and the city receiving numerous recognitions including nine awards from the Maryland Municipal League for outstanding and innovative service. These could not have been possible without visionary leadership of councilmembers, active support from Greenbelt citizens, and the work of many city employees.

This is a special place with its history, sense of community and opportunities for all. My family (Leslie, Matt, Andrew, Julie and I) feel incredibly fortunate to have our home here in Greenbelt. Greenbelt has afforded us great friends, enabled us to raise three wonderful young people (helped along the way by groups like the Coop Nursery School, Boys and Girls Club and Eleanor Roosevelt High School), the ability to be involved in the community and an organization where everyone is committed to making Greenbelt Great!

Thank you Greenbelt for what you have provided my family and me!

Mike McLaughlin  
City Manager

## Luxury Apartment Building Concerns

Recently I learned about

Southern Management, Inc.’s proposal to build a 25-story luxury apartment building at the northern end of the Lakeside North Apartments property. As a 16-year resident of Lakeside North, I am concerned about these plans and how they could change Old Greenbelt. Lakeside North Apartments is a “hidden gem” of Greenbelt, and I have had very good experiences as a tenant.

The proposed tower would be built upon land that is currently wooded. My concerns are:

Reduction in our woodlands: I have seen pileated woodpeckers, foxes and rabbits. Cutting down the woods would certainly displace these animals. Removing this wooded area will expose the Lakeside North and Boxwood Village communities to more noise, air pollution and dust and cast the neighborhood in its shadow.

Heavy traffic: Rush hour traffic is very heavy on Kenilworth Avenue. It is unrealistic to believe that most residents of the proposed development would walk to the Metro or take public transportation. The current walk from Lakeside North to the Metro takes a half-hour along an unshaded sidewalk and requires crossing a busy six-lane road.

Reduction in affordable housing: the increase in rental fees for Lakeside North Apartments and area rental properties.

I realize Southern Management’s desire to build new properties, but the proposed 25-story tower is not appropriate for the location. It would be more appropriate to build an apartment building of this scale at the Greenbelt Metro station. The present plan is not in synch with the city’s history and the original plans for Greenbelt: the idea of a livable, affordable community with green space. We need to preserve what is unique about Greenbelt rather than look like any other over-built suburb of Washington.

Elizabeth Tobey

## Delightful Surprise

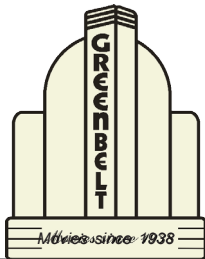
When we started contemplating moving closer to my job at Goddard Space Flight Center, our family was going through a crisis. My octogenarian mom living with us had just stopped driving and we both felt lost, not knowing how to adjust to this momentous change in her life. “Soccer grandma” to my two children for a decade, she felt all the wind knocked out of her sails. Walking to the gym in our suburban Virginia neighborhood was unsafe for Mom – it meant sometimes walking without a sidewalk and crossing major roads. There was

no way she could possibly reach the recreation center or her favorite local park on foot. And there is only so much you can do in the house.

We knew very little about Greenbelt but I had several co-workers who lived here and talked lovingly about the city. My curiosity piqued by their enthusiasm, I went on a walk around town, which took me to the Community Center and the Co-op, where I picked up the Community Center brochure and a copy of the Greenbelt News Review. I devoured both and had a eureka moment. Unable to contain my excitement, I rushed home to my family and rallied for a move to Greenbelt.

Now, a year after, with the house hunt and the move behind us, I am as excited as the first time I opened the News Review and read about this city! We had a beautiful winter season here, with cross country skiing around the lake and walks to the Old Greenbelt Theatre on snowy evenings. I love driving to work via Beaver Dam Road with its pastoral, ever-changing scenery and am enchanted with our walks around Greenbelt Lake and the maze of walking paths in GHI. I

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Adults \$7, Kids \$5  
OC = Open Captions  
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### SHOWTIMES May 6 – May 12

MILES AHEAD  
(R) (100 m.) (CCAP)  
Fri. & Sat. 3:15 PM, 7:45 PM  
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Mon. & Tues. 7:45 PM  
Wed. 3:15 PM, 7:45 PM  
Thur. 7:45 PM

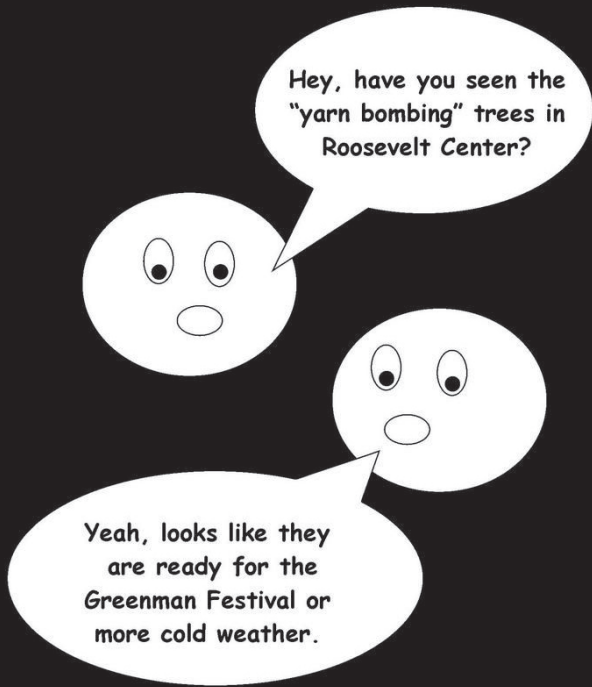
A HOLOGRAM FOR THE KING  
(R) (98 m.)  
Fri. - Thurs. 5:30 PM

THE FIRST MONDAY IN MAY  
(PG-13) (90 m.)  
Fri., Sat. & Sun. 1:00 PM  
Wed. 1:00 PM

Cult Series:  
PULP FICTION  
(1994) (R) (168 m.)  
Fri. 11:00 PM

Family Series:  
CHARLOTTE’S WEB  
(1973) (PG) (94 m.)  
Sat. 11:00 AM

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## On Screen

## Miles Ahead – Jazz Legend

This biopic of the great jazz trumpeter Miles Davis is pretty much a one man show. Don Cheadle stars and directs (his first time) this intense and somewhat uneven film. It starts in the middle of Davis’s life in the late 1970s when he was burned out and semi-retired, jumps back to the 1960s in flashbacks, and then back to the 70s. The plot revolves around Davis and a (fictional) Rolling Stone freelancer who work together to retrieve some stolen tapes of Davis’s from a record company executive. Cheadle is excellent as the intense Davis, but the movie is at times burdened by 1970s style violence and drama that borders on soap opera. Overall, this film works reasonably well as a homage to one of the great jazz legends.

Rated: R. Running time: 100 minutes

- Peter Curtis



# Community Events

## Contra Dance On Saturday May 7

The Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Folklore Society of Greater Washington are co-sponsoring another contra dance on Saturday, May 7 at the Community Center gym. The dance begins at 7 p.m. and welcomes beginners as well as experienced dancers. Beginner lessons will start at 6:30 p.m. Susan Taylor will be calling the music of Transatlantic Crossing.

Contra dance is danced to live music, which can have an array of instruments depending on the band. There is a caller who calls the dance by doing a walk-through before each dance. The pattern of steps repeats itself. The beginner lesson will cover all the basic steps that will be called.

Come on out and enjoy this fun and social dance. Call 240-542-2054 for more information. There is a fee.

## Visit Zero Waste Circle at Green Man

The Zero Waste Circle will be at the Green Man Festival this Saturday and Sunday in Roosevelt Center. In addition to helping to zero waste the festival, there will be a booth with prizes and games such as Choose the Right Bin, The Decomposition Time Line, The Very Cool Heat Island Game, The Terracycle Game and more. Bring a reusable water bottle and learn where the Tap It (free refills) stations are in Roosevelt Center. Share ideas for zero wasting at home and in the community. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer – just show up and we learn what to do! Any questions? call Tom Taylor at 301-513-9524.

## Community Yard Sale In Boxwood Village

Boxwood Village is holding a community yard sale on Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a community picnic from 1 to 4 p.m. (rain date Saturday, May 14) at the playground at the corner of Lastner and Ivy Lanes. As an added attraction, customers can choose to have up to \$5 in change from their purchases at the yard sale returned in uncirculated Franklin Delano Roosevelt presidential one dollar coins.

## Events at MakerSpace

Friday, May 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. it's First Friday Game Night. All ages are welcome to play games of strategy and fun.

Saturday, May 7, MakerSpace is switching to summer hours and will open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends; weekday hours remain the same.

Sunday, May 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. a free Animation Workshop taught by local artist Ola Betiku continues.

Tuesday, May 10, the Arduino class continues from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Greenbelt Biota meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11, Junior Lego builders will be working from 4 to 5 p.m. Knit Night for knitters, crocheters and other fibers enthusiasts is from 6 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, May 12, Lego Robotics Programming is from 5 to 7 p.m. Class size is limited; some experience required. Coder Dojo continues from 7 to 8 p.m. where kids ages 9 to 14 are working on game design.

Friday, May 13 is the return of Little Makers from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Save the date and broken items. The next Repair Café is Saturday, May 14.

## Bike to Work Day Registration Open

Registration for metropolitan Washington's 16th annual Bike to Work Day has opened. Last year's event drew more than 17,500 bicycle commuters and thousands are expected to participate in Bike to Work Day 2016 on Friday, May 20.

A total of 83 pit stops will celebrate the event across the region, welcoming bicyclists with refreshments, entertainment and the chance to win great prizes, while supplies last. The Greenbelt pit stop will be in front of Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Additional information and free registration for Bike to Work Day are available at biketowork-metrodc.org. All registrants will be entered into a regional bicycle raffle, and the first 15,000 to register will receive a free t-shirt to be picked up at the pit stop location of their choice.

## Give Tandem Cycling a Whirl

If you've ever wanted to experience a tandem bicycle, on Saturday, May 14, the Greenbelt Recreation Department is hosting a Tandem Cycling Experience. This event is designed for those who are blind or visually impaired but is open to all. Learn how to get on and off a tandem, how to be a stoker and/or a captain and how to have some fun on the bicycle built for two.

This event will be held in the Community Center Rooms 103 and 106 beginning at 1 p.m. Participants must be 16 years of age and older, should wear closed toe and soft soled shoes and comfortable dress (no loose-fitting clothes), and bring a helmet, if possible. The event is free, but registration is required – the registration number with the Greenbelt Recreation Department is 252505-1. Tandem bikes will be available, thanks to College Park/ Mt. Airy Bikes 1-2-3.

Volunteers are needed. This is a great opportunity to pick up some community service hours. Call 240-542-2054 for more information or to volunteer and/or register.

## Computer Club Meets

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 12 at the Community Center, Room 112 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to discussions of the latest in consumer electronics, computers, tablets and basic trouble shooting of Windows computers.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club enjoyed a delightful anniversary lunch on April 20 – delicious food, good company and the New Dimension Singers doing some oldies. Some of us even knew the words.

The speaker on May 11 will be Lynette Jones-Dove, D.D.S. Her topic will be Dental Health.

Our condolences to the family of Margaret Kivlin, a long-time member.

The pinochle group is looking for new players. They meet in the Senior Lounge at the Community Center. For more information call 301-345-1974.

I would like to give a heartfelt thank you for all the cards and prayers I've received during my recent heart surgery. It really helped and means a lot to know that people care. Greenbelt is a very caring place.

## Free Concert May 7

A free spring concert featuring Renaissance and Baroque music of Bach and Byrd will be held at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ on Saturday, May 7 at 4 p.m. The concert features talents from the United Church of Christ campus ministries, including the Maryland Palestrina Choir and University of Maryland organ students Colin Power and Samantha Scheff. The church is located at 1 Hillside Road. For more information contact Rev. Holly Ulmer, chaplain at the United Campus Ministry, at [ulmer@umd.edu](mailto:ulmer@umd.edu) or go to [ucmcollegepark.org](http://ucmcollegepark.org).

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of May 9 are as follows:

Monday, May 9: Apple juice, turkey à la king, green peas with onions, rosemary carrots, biscuit, tropical fruit.

Tuesday, May 10: Orange juice, potato-crustured fish with tartar sauce, lima beans, Harvard beets, wheat bread, diced pears.

Wednesday, May 11: Cranberry juice, hamburger on a bun with lettuce, tomato and mayo, tater tots, cucumber and tomato salad, warm cherry treat.

Thursday, May 12: All sites are closed for the RSVP luncheon.

Friday, May 13: Grape juice, minestrone soup with crackers, hot roast beef sandwich, mixed green salad with ranch dressing, fresh fruit.

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\* Not part of the morning and Tuesday  
discount shows

Most features are \$5.50 all day on  
Tuesdays

### Week of May 5

#### FRIDAY – SATURDAY

Keanu, PG-13  
11:20, 2, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40  
The Jungle Book, PG  
11, 12:20, 1:40, 4:10, 6:55, 9:25  
Ratchet and Clank, in 3D, PG\*\*  
1:40  
Ratchet and Clank, in 2D, PG  
11:10, 4:20, 6:45  
Captain America: Civil War, in 3D, PG-13\*\*  
11:45, 3, 9:30  
Captain America: Civil War, in 2D, PG-13  
10:50, 2:10, 3:45, 5:20, 6:15, 7, 8:30, 9, 10:10  
The Huntsman, PG-13  
11:30, 1:50, 4:30, 7, 9:35  
Barbershop 3, PG-13  
11:20, 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50

#### SUNDAY – THURSDAY

Keanu, PG-13  
11:20, 2, 4:20, 7:20  
The Jungle Book, PG  
11, 12:20, 1:40, 4:10, 6:55  
Ratchet and Clank, in 3D, PG\*\*  
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Ratchet and Clank, in 2D, PG  
11:10, 4:20, 6:45  
Captain America: Civil War, in 3D, PG-13\*\*  
11:45, 3  
Captain America: Civil War, in 2D, PG-13  
10:50, 2:10, 3:45, 5:20, 6:15, 7  
The Huntsman, PG-13  
11:30, 1:50, 4:30, 7  
Barbershop 3, PG-13  
11:20, 1:50, 4:30, 7:20

Utopia Film Festival Presents


Sunday, May 8th & Wednesday, May 11th  
Beginning at 8 PM

“Families Are Forever (2014),” “Little House of the Big Cry (2013),” “Mother Jones” and “Plagues and Pleasures on the Salton Sea”

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)  
Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19 Channels

Greenbelt Arts Center  
MAY 7th ONLY

The Homespun Ceilidh Band



Saturday, May 7th at 8:00PM

With their lighthearted and fun approach to performances as well as their distinctive "Big Band" Celtic sound, they will set your toes tapping!

Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission,  
\$16 Students/Seniors/Military,  
\$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

COMING SOON

KinK – May 20 – 29  
The Hollow – June 17 – 26  
The Eaton Woman – July 8 – 17  
A Few Good Men – July 29 – August 13

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or  
email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or  
BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

More Community Events  
are located throughout the paper.

### Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)

2nd Floor, Greenbelt Community Center, Suite 204  
[www.greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://www.greenbeltaccessstv.org) • Studio: 301-507-6581

#### Free and Open to the Public GATe Orientation

Saturday, May 7th from 10-12:30PM in the GATe Studio

#### Members Only

Canon Camera Class - \$\$

Saturday, May 21st, 10-4:30 PM

Reserve a seat at [greenbeltaccess@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltaccess@gmail.com)

For more information, visit the GATe website or e-mail  
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See what's showing on Comcast 77 and Verizon FiOS 19 by  
visiting [www.greenbeltaccessstv.org](http://www.greenbeltaccessstv.org) and click on "Channel"



# Obituaries

## Kathleen Marie Brlansky



Kathleen Brlansky

Kathleen Brlansky died on April 15, 2016, at age 62. Kathy was born May 12, 1953 in Washington D.C., the daughter of Mary and Rudolph Brlansky.

She graduated from the Joseph P. Kennedy Institute in Washington D.C. in 1972. After school, Ms. Brlansky had several odd jobs that kept her busy in her earlier days, and then joined a day program at Melwood Horticultural Training Center, where she proudly displayed her creative abilities throughout the community.

She was a parishioner of St. Hugh's in Greenbelt.

In her later years she stayed home with her mother and father and kept herself busy by writing her own stories, scrapbooking and sometimes combining both these talents into one, creating stories by cutting words from various magazines that she had collected throughout the years and pasting them on paper to create a story.

She liked to watch her favorite sitcom TV shows, like Facts of Life, Full House and The Brady Bunch. Her favorite movie was The Wizard of Oz. She would watch it together with her family every year when it came on TV, and sing along with Judy Garland when she sang Somewhere Over the Rainbow. Ms. Brlansky loved her family. She always welcomed everyone with a big hug and

would tell them that they were her favorite.

She always looked forward to yearly Ocean City trips with aunts, uncles and cousins, and every year for the annual putt-putt night, she would always come home with the winning free game of putt-putt by getting a hole-in one on the last hole.

She was the life of the party at family weddings, cutting loose on the dance floor and always beating the ladies out of catching the bouquet. It never failed; she was always the one to catch it!

She was preceded in death by her brother Jim Brlansky. She is survived by immediate family members David and Maria Brlansky of Frederick, Md.; Patti, Mike and Grace Magill of Greenbelt; Jessie, Liza, and Audrey Brlansky; Chelsea, Andy, AJ and Athena Bender; Danny and Karla Paolucci; and many extended aunts, uncles, and cousins.

# Letters continued

am looking forward to the Farmers Market and Green Man Festival. Most of all, it warms my heart to come home from work and hear my mom's account of her day – about yoga, meditation, art and other classes at the Community Center, trips up the Research Road to the bald eagle's nest, her wonderful teachers and new friends. It is amazing to belong to this unique community, brimming with life and creativity and giving opportunities to all ages. Thank you, News Review, for introducing us to Greenbelt and for keeping us up to date on its activities.

Anna Chulaki

## Obstructing Learning At Mini Maker Faire

Re: Apr 28, Mini Maker Faire Attracts a Crowd.

I was surprised when walking by the Mini Maker Faire 4 p.m.

to find the music fairly deafening – it's in the vicinity of 100 decibels when people have to yell to converse.

Five concerns: this was predominantly an event for children, yet the music was so loud that it likely caused a small amount of permanent hearing damage in the ones most exposed. It sets a poor example when adults are unable to control their own sound levels. This was an intensely instructional event where it was critical, sometimes for safety reasons, that the children be able to clearly hear instructions, and the persons supervising the children needed to hear everything that is going on. I wonder whether, in the photo showing two children using a power tool, the child without eye protection happened not to have heard a safety instruction. The central mission of the MakerSpace is to share knowledge and skill with children – persistent loud noise/music disrupts that. How could this happen when it is almost common knowledge that there is an epidemic of hearing loss in our young people?

Bill Norwood

## Our Neighbors

Condolences to the family and friends of Donald Morrison who died May 2, 2016. Mr. Morrison's family were pioneers in Greenbelt.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Kathleen Brlansky who died on April 15, 2016.

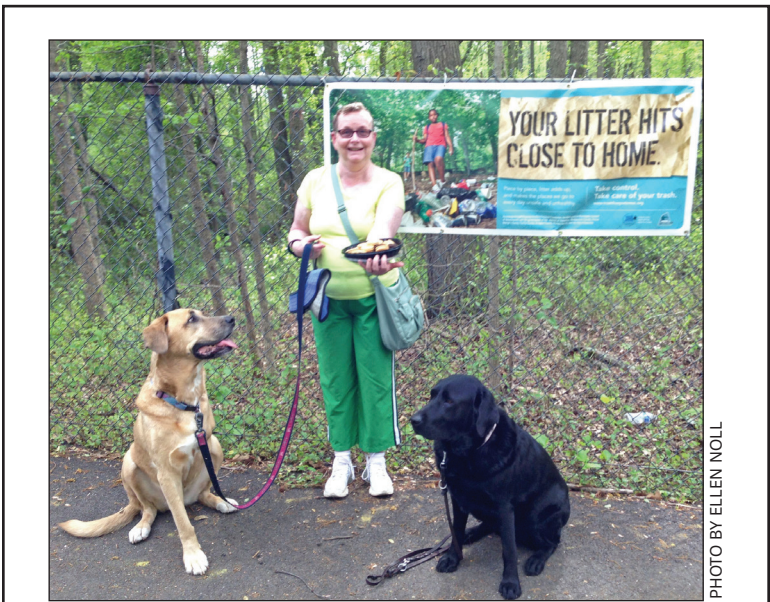
We want to wish Stan and Linda Edwards a happy anniversary. The couple has been married 50 years and celebrates their silver wedding anniversary.

Congratulations to Charlotte Francoeur who graduates from UMCP with a B.S. in microbiology and a minor in black women's studies this month. This fall she starts a doctoral program at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Congratulations to Community Center Supervisor Di Quynn-Reno for being recognized as Member of the Year from the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association. Kudos also to Aquatics & Fitness Center Supervisor Stephen Parks, who was recognized with the Presidential Award.

Please share your accomplishments, milestones, and news for the next Our Neighbors column. Send complete details on your news to kyoho@comcast.net.

- Karen Yoho



Randi Anderson, with dogs Jonas and Gracie Smudge, hands out cookies at Spellman Overpass on April 25. Cookies at the bridge is a program sponsored by Mowatt Methodist Church and other churches in town. The aim is to connect with and calm students coming across the bridge at the end of the school day.

“God has created us all human...He is kind & just to all. Why should we be unkind & unjust to each other?” - Baha'i Writings

### Greenbelt Baha'i Community

1-800-22-UNITE  
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com

301-345-2918  
www.greenbeltbahais.org

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666    www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community  
May 8    10 a.m.  
**"American Patriotism, Exceptionalism and the UU First Principle"**  
The Rev. Evan Keely; with Van Summers, Worship Associate; and the Choir  
*If we as UUs believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every person, how can we hold out the notion that we as Americans are better than others, no, the best? Can these ideas be reconciled?*

### Greenbelt Community Church

#### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, Pastor

### Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770    301-474-4223  
*An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.*

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM. Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children. Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development. Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.  
*Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation*

### Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building  
ALL ARE WELCOME.

### Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday  
10am – 4pm  
Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410  
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.  
Skip the hassle join us for Mother's Day dinner 11:30.

### ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

### OPEN MIC

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH  
ENJOYING BEAUTY

5-6-2016  
OPEN SIGN-UP  
7:00PM  
101 Greenhill Rd

Greenbelt Baptist Church  
301-474-4212

### Join us for our Open Mic Night

Come enjoy a night of local talent.





# City Information

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING**  
**Municipal Building, Monday, May 9, 2016 – 8:00 p.m.**

**ORGANIZATION**

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
- Approval of Agenda and Additions

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Presentations- Kids to Parks Day Proclamation
- Petitions and Requests
- (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- \*Committee Reports

**LEGISLATION**

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of HVAC Improvements at the Greenbelt Community Center from Shapiro and Duncan Inc. at an Estimated Cost of \$355,264


- 2nd Reading

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Approval of Permit of Greenbelt Lake Forebay Dredging Projects (Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report #2016-2 and Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability Report #2016-1)
- Approval of Pepco Vegetation Management Work
- Council Reports
- \* Reappointment to Advisory Group

**MEETINGS**

*NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.*



**CITY OF GREENBELT**  
**NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL**  
**PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The City Council of the City of Greenbelt proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2016, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 0.63%, from \$1,887,982,510 to \$1,899,932,529.
2. If the City of Greenbelt maintains the current tax rate of \$0.8125 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 0.63%, resulting in \$97,094 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.8074, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.8125 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 0.63% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$97,094 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax increase will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2016, in the City Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 for further information.

**Help Us Zero Waste the Green Man Festival**  
**Join in the fun and help us make a difference!**

Zero Waste volunteers will be trained to help festival participants sort their trash correctly. Service Hours available! The dates are Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8 You can choose the hours that are best for you. To sign up you can go to Sign Up Genius at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-zero1>

**MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF MAY 9-13**

Monday, May 9 at 5:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Room 205.

Monday, May 9 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv).*

Wenesday, May 11 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. *On the Agenda: Infill Development Presentation – Woodspring Suites @ Greenway Shopping Center, Conceptual Plan - Buddy Attick Park Parking Lot Green Redesign, and Update on planning projects*

Wednesday, May 11 at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION with Green Ridge House**, Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road.

*The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*



**SUMMER CAMP BEGINS JUNE 20TH!**  
*Kinder Camp: Ages 3 ½-5, Camp Pine Tree: Ages 6-11, Soccer Source 360: Ages 5-15, Creative Kids Camp: Ages 6-12, Summer Circus Camp: Ages 8-16 (waitlist only), Youth on the Go (YOGO): Ages 12-14, Camp Encore: Ages 13-17 (waitlist only)*  
Campers will have fun and learn through enriching programs that develop social skills, fitness, independence, self-worth and confidence, all while fostering lasting friendships.  
Visit us online at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation)  
Before and After Care is available. Sign up soon! Spots are limited!  
*\*Financial Assistance is available (subject to approval) for Greenbelt residents only.*  
**INFO: 301-397-2200**

**Summer Help - Public Works**

Salary \$10.00/hr. Performs a variety of tasks requiring manual labor. May perform basic landscaping tasks such as mowing lawns, raking leaves, planting shrubbery, leveling playing fields, cutting and pruning trees, maintaining playgrounds and clearing dead wood. May perform traffic safety tasks such as the maintenance of traffic signs, street painting, and patching streets by pouring and shoveling asphalt and concrete. A High School diploma or equivalent is required. Must possess a Maryland State Driver's License in good standing.

**To apply, visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobs](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/jobs)**



**Greenbelt Animal Control**  
**KITTEN SHOWER**  
**Sunday, May 15, 12-4pm**  
**Greenbelt American Legion 6900 Greenbelt Rd.**  
**Tickets ar \$5 each and can be purchased at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter at 550-A Crescent Road or at the door.**  
**Info: 301-474-6124**

**Come visit some of our many available kittens!**  
*We need: Cat Beds, Fleece Blankets, Towels, Kitten Food (both dry and wet), Kitten Replacement Milk, Kitten Bottles, Toys, Heating Pad, Kitten/ Cat Collars, Pine Fresh Litter, Litter Pans (smaller the better), Cat Carriers, Cat Trees, Dish Detergent (Lemon Joy is best), Canned Pumpkin, Mineral Oil, Feliway, Cat Nail Clippers and Monetary Donations.*



**Contra Dance**  
**Saturday, May 7, 2016**  
**7:00-9:45pm**  
**Lesson: 6:30pm**

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

SUSAN TAYLOR Calling to the music of TRANSATLANTIC CROSSING

\$10 (cash at door) General Admission (Ages 18 and under \$5.00; 6 and under (Free)).

Call: (301) 397– 2208 for more information

*Follow the City of Greenbelt @[cityofgreenbelt](https://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt) & [www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt](https://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt)*

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Committee – Adult Member

**For information call 301-474-8000.**

**Bike to Work Day - Greenbelt Pit Stop**  
**Friday, May 20, 2016**  
**from 6:30am-8:30am**  
**Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center Park-ing Lot**



Join over 17,000 area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work.

Refreshments, swag bags and raffles will be given away for those **registered at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org)** and arriving by bicycle. The first 15,000 registrants are eligible for a free t-shirt at their selected pit stop.


**WELCOME PACKETS**

The City of Greenbelt is now collecting materials for the next round of Welcome Packets! All businesses, organizations, etc are invited to participate. We will need 300 flyers, coupons, brochures or anything else that you would like to have included by Friday, May 13th at 5pm. Please deliver your materials to Beverly Palau at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

**Info: 240-542-2026.**

**PACKET STUFFING PARTY**  
**Thursday, May 19 from 6-8pm at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road**  
Come out and help stuff 300 new Welcome Packets for new residents. Light Refreshments will be served!

**Free Friday Fun!**  
**Roller-skate!**  
**Springhill Lake Recreation Center**  
**6101 Cherrywood Lane**  
**May 13, 2016 from 5-7pm**  
**Ages: 6-12 years**  
**Roller-skates provided free of charge or bring your own.**



**Info: 301-397-2212**



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Stricklett to create their own personal singing practice space for being positive, relaxing and feeling safe.

The Festival stage will be the beating heart of the event, with drum circles each day and musicians from near and far. Kristin Rebecca, Harpist, is from Baltimore. Performing Saturday afternoon, she will entrance listeners with delicate melodies and songs. Following Kristin is Dean Stevens, who travels down from Maine for the weekend. His music is peppered with stories of the northlands and travels to South America. His music is caring and thoughtful in the singer-song writer tradition. The daylight performances will be concluded with a concert by Four Shillings Short. Their music is rooted in both Celtic and American folk with touches of Indian raga and Irish lore. Aodh Óg Ó Tuama and Christy Martin come to us from California. As the sun begins to fade, the New Deal Café presents the jazzy, world beat music of Djesben.

On Sunday morning Four Shillings Short will open the Festival with a traditional Indian morning Raga. On Sunday afternoon. Katy

Gaughan will lead a full circle drum circle at the stage She believes that music can heal. The rhythms will draw forth dancers from the crowd and the Roosevelt Center will bounce with joy. Following the drums, Evelyn Torton Beck and Judith Walton will perform and teach Sacred Dances. The outside entertainment finishes with a performance by the Homespun Ceilidh Band. The day winds down inside the New Deal Café with a concert by KIVA.

The weather report looks good for the weekend so bring a lawn chair and a refillable water bottle, a wide brimmed hat with flowers attached and plan to hang with the Bog brothers and the Green people.

The 12th Annual Green Man Festival is a project of the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to the health of all who share the Chesapeake watershed environment. For more information, please visit the website: [chears.org](http://chears.org) . The City of Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Community Foundation, the Adelphi Friends Meeting are supporters. Look forward to seeing everyone at the Festival.

## GCF Supports CHEARS And Green Man Festival

by Jimmika Robinson

The third organization being highlighted by the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) in its 10th anniversary celebration campaign Explore Your Greenbelt is the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society, better known as CHEARS. This organization is dedicated to improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and all who share it.

CHEARS grew out of a desire to create a non-profit vehicle that would allow community members to implement diverse environmental projects throughout the Chesapeake watershed. Also celebrating its 10th anniversary, it has enabled multiple groups to organize various projects in the areas of ecological stewardship and artistic expression. By serving as a non-profit organizational home for various types of volunteer environmental projects CHEARS is able to have a large collective impact in the community.

Over the years, CHEARS has been a recipient of multiple grants from GCF to further achieve its mission of providing Greenbelters opportunities to learn about protecting and celebrating the beauty of our local environment. In 2014, CHEARS and alight dance theater received a partial grant to create performances to guide audiences through an active exploration of the garden sites located at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Schrom Hills Park and the Community Center. The Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens is a project that focused on educating the public about healthy food options, sustainable growing practices and water quality through experiential learning, demonstrations and workshops.

In 2008, GCF provided funding for the Green Man Festival whose goal is to provide environmental education and encourage environmental awareness and appreciation through the arts. This

year's festival has a theme celebrating flowers and will be held Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, May 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Roosevelt Center. The Greenbelt community is invited for two days of music, vendors, crafts, environmental awareness, food and fun.

GCF will have a booth at the festival. Stop by to learn more about the impact GCF has had on the community in its first 10 years and how to win prizes posting selfies. The Explore Your Greenbelt campaign is sponsored by Paradyme Management, Beltway Plaza and the Greenbelt News Review. For more information go to [greenbeltfoundation.net](http://greenbeltfoundation.net).

*Jimmika Robinson is an intern for the Community Foundation.*

### Botanic Garden Offers Mothers Day Tour

On Sunday, May 8 from 11 a.m. to noon, all mothers are invited to a special rose tour at the U.S. Botanic Garden. The tour is held outdoors and meets on the National Garden Lawn Terrace. Wear sunscreen and protective clothing and bring water. The tour is canceled if it rains or is extremely hot (heat index of 95 degrees or higher/Code Red weather alert).

While this tour is free, pre-registration is required. Visit.usbg.gov to register.

### Greenbriar Boards Elections Complete

The three Greenbriar phases and the Greenbriar Community Association have completed their annual elections for board members with the following results:

**Phase I**  
Lawrence Noda, president  
LaVerne Smith, vice president  
Missy Dodd, secretary  
Evelyn Kenley, treasurer  
Rhonda Furmanski, director

**Phase II**  
Linda Kulle, president  
Jacqueline Gray, vice president  
Mary Blizard, secretary  
Doris Johnson, treasurer  
Sherre Washington, director

**Phase III**  
Angeline Butler, president  
Fran Kemper, vice president  
Odella King, secretary  
Carol Adams, treasurer  
Anne Weldon, director

**Community Association**  
Jeanette Gordy, president  
Didi Peck, vice president  
Angeline Butler, secretary  
Terry Benedik, treasurer  
Fran Bennett, director

Board meetings for each association are held at the Greenbriar Community Building with owners and residents encouraged to attend. Phases I and II meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., Phase III meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:45 p.m. and the Community Association Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 5:45 p.m.

### GHI Notes

Thursday, May 5, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, May 6, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

Sunday, May 8, 9 a.m., Woodlands Committee Booth, Greenbelt Farmers Market, Roosevelt Center.

Monday, May 9, 7 p.m., Occupancy Rules Task Force Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Tuesday, May 10, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, GHI Kitchen; 7:30 p.m., Historic Preservation Task Force Meeting, Board Room and Legislative Government Affairs Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby.

Wednesday, May 11, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, May 12, 7:30 p.m., GHI Annual Membership Meeting, Greenbelt Community Center.

Friday, May 13, 7 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 8 p.m., GHI Elections, Board Room.



### Exploring Project Green and Grey

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Peter Johnson, founder and executive director of Project Green and Grey, on Friday, May 13. Project Green and Grey focuses on bringing the voices of those aged 50 and older to the climate movement to produce advocates for a federal response to the climate crisis. Those over age 50 have powerful voices in the voting realm, voices that deserve to be heard.

Johnson is a veteran of the climate movement, having worked on federal climate campaigns for the League of Conservation Voters and Greenpeace. He is passionate about the cause and is determined to share valuable information with others.

Explorations Unlimited is on Friday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

### GAIL Memory Café And Support Group

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) Memory Café and Support Group provides a stigma-free environment for those with early-stage Alzheimer's disease, mild cognitive impairment or other forms of dementia and their spouses, partners and caregivers. It is a great opportunity for lively discussions, information gathering, refreshments, camaraderie and engaging creative fun. Café sessions also highlight that caregivers activities can be continued in a home setting. Sessions will begin Wednesday, May 11 at 1:30 p.m. and run through Wednesday, July 13. Meeting location is the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, 2nd floor. For the first session caregivers are encouraged to attend. The programming will alternate between the two groups. Individuals interested in participating in the Memory Café and Support Group must register no later than Friday, May 6 with the GAIL case manager, Sharon Johnson at 240-542-2029.

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Call Metropolitan Washington Ear  
301-681-6636  
No special equipment needed

### Kornett's Sculptures In Montpelier Exhibit

Ceramic sculptor Judith Kornett, a long-time resident of Greenbelt, has recently completed a series of sculptures for an exhibit entitled Less is More on display through May 22 at the Montpelier Arts Center, Laurel. Kornett and her artistic collaborators will welcome visitors at a special reception on Sunday, May 15 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The exhibit is dedicated to the victims of violence, both domestic and worldwide. The titular piece of the exhibit will be an installation that includes Kornett's sculptures as well as small works created by invited artists who are committed to the same ideal.

Proceeds from the sale of this installation, or parts thereof, will be donated directly to organizations or services that offer aid to victims of violence, including Tewa Women United (a Native American women's organization that deals with domestic violence on the San Ildephonso Pueblo in New Mexico), Wounded Warriors and Black Lives Matter.

A lifelong resident of Maryland, Kornett has lived in Greenbelt since 1976. She received both her bachelor of arts and master of fine arts degrees from the University of Maryland in College Park. Her master's degree was in printmaking, with a specialty in etching and relief printing. After a number of years in the studio, however, she became sensitized to the printmaking solvents and was forced to quit. This led her to explore and fall in love with clay as a sculpture medium, a discipline she continues to pursue.



Greenbelt artist Judith Kornett creates sculptures such as these ceramic shoes.

PHOTO BY JUDITH KORNETT

**Beltsville Garden Club**

**PLANT SALE**

**Saturday, May 7**  
**8 am-noon**

**High Point High School**  
**Beltsville (parking lot)**

*Quality plants grown by members*

**Sowing the Seeds of Love!**

*Bill & Jenn's*  
**Excellent Plant Sale!**

Sat May 7 & 14 | 2-7pm  
44 L Ridge Road

Or by appt with Jenn:  
[HarrisGale@yahoo.com](mailto:HarrisGale@yahoo.com)

**HEIRLOOM TOMATOES, PEPPERS, AND BASIL LOVINGLY**  
**GROWN FROM SEED WITH NO CHEMICALS**

NASA Goddard's Music & Drama Club presents:

**TERRY PRATCHETT'S WYRD Sisters**

Adapted for the stage by Stephen Briggs

Barney & Bea Recreation Center, 10000 Good Luck Rd, Greenbelt

**May 6-21**  
Fridays & Saturdays at 8pm; Sundays at 3pm  
Tickets \$16 in advance, \$20 at the door

301-966-2623 or  
[www.madtheater.org](http://www.madtheater.org)

Opening Weekend Discounts:  
Fri/Sat \$14  
Sun \$12



# CERT - Community Emergency Response Team Annual Budget

by James Giese

Once a year Greenbelters see members of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) at work, assisting with crowd control at the Labor Day parade. CERT members are from Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights. These two organizations partner in many activities and training. Greenbelt CERT receives financial support from the city, with a \$500 grant being included in this year's budget. At its April 6 budget work-session, councilmembers listened to the request of Greenbelt CERT, as represented by Kris White, Lisa Hegwood and Ken Theodus, for a budget increase of \$1,000. The extra \$1,000 was added to the council's wish list of items to be possibly funded if funds become available.

White told the council that Hegwood would be taking over as coordinator. Hegwood has

completed training in emergency management through the Federal emergency management program. CERT volunteers train to assist the police and fire departments in times of special needs and emergencies. There are 23 Greenbelt members with some others who are trained and can help out if needed. CERT team members train themselves first and then assist the community, and to that extent, most of the members' involvement was in training of one kind or another.

Of particular note was member participation in a large-scale Metro exercise last June. The two CERTs hope to co-host Amtrak and Railroad Safety training soon.

Councilmembers took special interest in a new program proposed, the creation of a local Community Animal Response Team (CART).

CERT activities during the past year included staffing a booth and a table at the Labor Day Festival, providing traffic support at the Labor Day Parade, providing traffic assistance at the city's Independence Day fireworks event, hosting a Neighborhood Watch training class, and using its trailer to provide a comfort station at the Pet Expo, National Night Out and Labor Day weekend.

The \$1,500 budget request is primarily to purchase a wide variety of supplies including animal catchpoles and graspers and traffic cone safety wands. Not budgeted, but desired is a portable electric start generator; the current cold start one is having operational difficulties which Public Works staff are helping to correct.

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designated the first-run departments for those areas. In 2009, while continuing to provide primary support to GVFD&RS, council did allocate annual grants of \$5,000 each to the West Lanham Hills and Berwyn Heights Departments. In recent years the allocation to Greenbelt has been \$88,000 and the proposed budget is no different. While the smaller grants to other departments are paid direct to them, in the case of Greenbelt the annual funds budgeted are set aside in another city fund and are expended from time to time to replace GVFD&RS equipment upon approval by council after making a determination that other funding sources are insufficient and the equipment items are needed.

Ray told council that the next equipment purchase was scheduled for 2018 and it would be to replace a 2008 ambulance at an anticipated cost of \$250,000. The volunteers also requested a budget amount of \$5,000 to provide volunteers with training to become Advanced Life Support (ALS) certified. College Park and Glenn Dale volunteers are so trained. If done, the department would then be qualified

to get ALS certified equipment and not rely on the other departments. This money has not been included in the proposed budget and was added to the council's wish list of items to add to the proposed budget if funds become available.

Councilmember Leta Mach asked if the ambulances carried the medication needed to treat heroin overdoses. She was told that they were, as well as being carried in police squad cars. She was also told that the department transports about five to six overdoses a year and this number has remained pretty steady.

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked if relationships with the county department personnel had improved and was told they had. The paid staff and volunteers work well together.

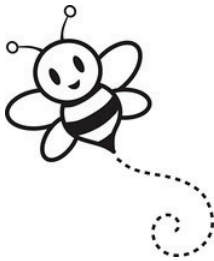
The department is no longer raising funds by offering gambling at the fire house. With the opening of state regulated casinos, there is too much competition.

The GVFD&RS representatives expressed the department's thanks to Councilmember Rodney Roberts who had repaired a piece of equipment with donated parts and labor.

## Free Community Nursing Program

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program is partnering with Washington Adventist University to offer a free program of home visits from Trinity Washington State University student nurses. The program is open to all Greenbelt seniors age 60 or over or to disabled adults who are 50 or over. Home visits will be scheduled on Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Services include bathing assistance, blood sugar monitoring and assistance with finger sticks, health education, vital signs monitoring, medication management and patient advocacy with health care professionals.

Enrollment is open through Friday, May 13 and space is limited. Interested Greenbelters should call Sharon Johnson, GAIL case manager, at 240-542-2029. Visits will begin Thursday June 9.



# Take Back Drug Day Brings Bounty of Unwanted Drugs

by Jack Chavez

The Greenbelt Police Department partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on Saturday, April 30 to bring the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day program to the city, scoring hundreds of bottles of unwanted prescription medication.

"Drug abuse is a real problem across the country, and Greenbelt is no exception,"

Greenbelt Police Media Liaison George Mathews said. "[This program is about] getting pills out of cabinets and out of reach."

Mathews stressed how serious the problem of unwanted prescription drugs can be for the community. "Anyone can possibly abuse prescription drugs. They're proven gateway drugs," he said. "It's just a good effort the DEA started that we're partnering with."

The program isn't only about fighting drug addiction. There is also an environmental aspect to properly disposing prescription drugs. "People [often] get rid of their unwanted drugs by flushing them into our water system, which can definitely have major effects on our environment," Mathews said.

Traffic was steady for the department most of the day, which accepted unwanted drugs from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. In the first three hours more than 85 people had contributed.

This was no mistake, as the department made sure the message got out to the town about



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**National Prescription Drug Take-back Day helps keep unwanted drugs out of the reach of children and out of our natural water sources.**

what was happening. "We had it on our blog, the city website and we had these cool posters," said Officer Christine Peters, who greeted participants, as she motioned to one of the posters the department used around the city in the weeks leading up to the program. It was also in the News Review "What Goes On" calendar.

The program had proven itself to be effective in the past. According to the DEA Washington Division, a September 2015 event yielded over 7,500 pounds of unwanted drugs in Maryland alone. This was the first year the Greenbelt Police Department participated in National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

According to Mathews, after the event the prescription drugs will be handed over to the DEA where they will be properly disposed of.

Jack Chavez is a student in the journalism department of the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.



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## PARKING LOTS continued from page 1

increase in the number of spaces provided. But when constructed, if done, the appearance of the lot will be changed dramatically. The new lots are designed to reduce stormwater run-off into storm drains by providing attractive pervious pavement and bioretention swales. It will also provide more tree coverage.

In both options there will continue to be four rows of parking and two parking aisles, one being the access road to Public Works. However, most parallel parking on that side will be replaced with perpendicular spaces. The wide roadway between parking aisles now existing in the center of the lot will be eliminated, creating additional spaces. Access to the parking aisle closest to the park will be only at either end.

A small circular tree lined plaza with decorative pavement will mark the main entrance to the park at the existing path to the restrooms and playground. There a path will cross the lot to the path that goes up the hill to the Crescent Road bus stop and to Ridge Road at the police station. A semi-circular decoratively

paved second entrance will be located at the park's other current entrance at the upper, eastern end of the lot. Both options will have landscape projections dividing the parking rows to provide space for tree plantings. Both also have a pervious pavement sidewalk alongside the parking lot on the park side to permit pedestrians to walk to the park entrances from cars.

As is now the case, handicap parking will be located next to the main entrance. Option 1 will accommodate 99 cars as compared to the present 92. Option 2 will accommodate 103 cars.

### Options

Option 1 is somewhat larger in area than Option 2. It enables making the needed swale for stormwater runoff between parking aisles a bioretention facility. Bradley said it will be able to absorb a 1.2 inch rain event, meeting minimum standards for such designs. Excess runoff will flow across the Public Works yard to a wooded area on its north side where more stormwater will be absorbed prior to runoff reaching a storm drain.

Foot bridges over the swale will be provided to enable persons in the far parking aisle to access the park.

To accommodate the larger footprint of Option 1, it will be necessary to remove one row of the double row of white pine trees that now partially separate the parking lot from the park. Councilmember Rodney Roberts objected to removing both the trees and their lower branches, but Bradley said the trees naturally dropped their lower branches as they matured.

Option 2 keeps pretty much the same footprint as the existing lot, thereby preserving the one row of white pines. But the cost is a narrow swale between parking aisles, increasing stormwater runoff.

### Next Step

Councilmembers discussed referring these plans to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board but Bradley and City Manager Michael McLaughlin suggested waiting until plans were further along. Also, it was too early to determine the length of time required for construction or costs.



Parking Option 1

### Montpelier Yoga, Writing Workshop

Pen and Pose, a workshop in yoga and writing, will be held on Saturday, May 7 at 11 a.m. at the Montpelier Arts Center. In this free workshop, use breath work, poses, mindfulness techniques and writing exercises to connect with body, mind and spirit. Wear comfortable clothing; bring a yoga mat, a notebook and pen.

This event is free for ages 18 and up. Call 301-377-7800; TTY 301-699-2544 for more information.

### UMD Students Solo Dance Pieces

A free Solo Performance Showcase will be held on Monday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in the Cafritz Foundation Theatre of The Clarice. Students of the THET328 class perform their end-of-semester solo pieces, having worked on them throughout the semester.



### The Clarice Hosts String Trios

Excelsa plays trios on Monday, May 9 at 8 p.m. in Ulrich Recital Hall of The Clarice. In their final concert of the semester, Excelsa performs a free concert of string trios by Schubert, Kodaly, Beethoven and Mozart.



## Recreation Dept. Staff Win Awards at State Convention

Greenbelt Recreation Department won many awards at the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association Annual Convention held on April 14 in Ocean City.

The awards included Member of the Year, which was presented to Di Quynn-Reno, Community Center supervisor, and the Presidential Award, which was won by Stephen Parks, Aquatic & Fitness Center supervisor.

Recreation employees Ashley Gibbs, Alison Longworth and Becky Sutfin, also received recognition.



PHOTO BY STEPHEN PARKS

Di Quynn-Reno, Community Center supervisor, accepts her Member of the Year plaque from Peggy Mark, president of the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association.



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Presidential Award winner Stephen Parks, Aquatic & Fitness Center supervisor holds his plaque.

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# Old County Reels Find New Home



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Pictured are (left to right): Heather Jackson (PGCMLS Librarian); Dr. Caitlin McGrath (executive director Old Greenbelt Theatre); Robien Gossin (PGCMLS staff), Kevin Smith (PGCMLS staff), Stephen Valentich (PGCMLS staff) and Dan Puma (house manager Old Greenbelt Theatre).

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System recently donated 1,400 old 16-mm film reels held at the Hyattsville Branch to Old Greenbelt Theatre (OGT). Titles include the seminal experimental film Meshes of the Afternoon, Roberto Rossellini’s Rome, Open City and the Orson Welles-narrated Future Shock, among many others.

Caitlin McGrath, executive director of OGT, had this to say about the library’s donation: “We’re very happy to be the new home for these carefully curated films. At the Old Greenbelt Theatre, we see film as not only a

form of entertainment, but also as a tool for education.” Librarian Heather Jackson, who facilitated this donation, spoke about future collaborations between OGT and the library.

“The library will host a children’s program incorporating stories, film and hands-on activities at 10:30 a.m. on every second and fourth Monday at the Old Greenbelt Theatre,” she said. McGrath welcomes the partnership. “We look forward to working with the library system on our future educational outreach programming.”

# Greenbelt Elementary STEAM Connects Students, Art, Plants

by Ingrid Cowan Hass

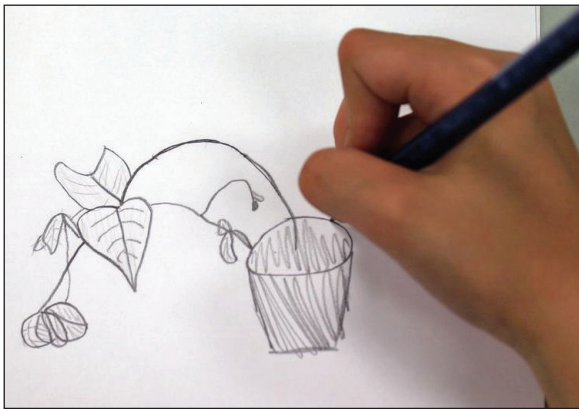
The third grade at Greenbelt Elementary School planted bean plants in the school courtyard garden on April 21, Earth Day. This was part of a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) project paid for by an ACE grant to bring artist Lucy Dirksen into the science classrooms.

The students carefully observe and then draw into art journals the different stages of the plant development, from planting the seed to harvesting the vegetables.



Students work with Lucy Dirksen on planting and sketching plant development.

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Handgun**  
April 24, 6:32 p.m., Greenbelt Road near Kenilworth Avenue. Two 24-year-old nonresidents were arrested for handgun violations, one charged with transporting a handgun in a vehicle and the other charged with possession of a handgun, after their vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation and a semi-automatic handgun was located inside it. Both men were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

**Robbery**  
April 27, 2:26 a.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive. Three men wearing black clothing approached a man walking down the street and punched him several times while one of them hit him in the head with what he believed to be a handgun. They then took money and ID card and fled. The man refused treatment for minor injuries.

**DWI/DUI**  
April 27, 4:06 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 57-year-old resident was arrested and charged with alcohol- and traffic-related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. She was released on citations pending trial.

**Assault**  
April 22, 8:35 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Two people were walking down the street when a vehicle described as a black Honda Accord pulled alongside of them. The driver got out and began punching one of the walkers. Then three other men exited the vehicle and joined in on the assault. The second walker intervened in an attempt to help the first walker. A witness yelled out to the four men, who then got back into the vehicle and fled. They are described as four black men wearing ski-type masks, one 5'6" tall, 140 pounds, wearing a black shirt, blue jeans and yellow Timberland boots and another wearing a red shirt, blue jeans and black and white sneakers. One of the walkers was treated for an injured wrist.

**Theft**  
April 22, 8 a.m., 400 block Ridge Road. A laundry change machine was pried open and money removed.  
April 22, 3 p.m., 400 block Ridge Road. A woman invited a man she met online to her home. When she left the room they were in for a short time and returned, the man had left. She then noticed her cell phone and tablet computer were missing.

**Disorderly Conduct**  
April 23, 11:03 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 26-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after he was observed shouting profanities inside Beltway Plaza. He was released on citation pending trial.

**Trespass**  
April 22, 1:14 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 13-year-old nonresident youth was arrested for trespass after he was located on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after having been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

**Counterfeit Money**  
April 27, 2:27 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man and a woman entered the Beltway Blossom Shop and attempted to purchase merchandise with what turned out to be a counterfeit bill. They fled when the merchant verified it was counterfeit.

**Vandalism**  
April 23, 10:05 p.m., Lakeside Drive near Crescent Road. A rock was used to break out two living room windows.

**Vehicle Crime**  
A 57-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft and theft after he was stopped for a traffic violation and a computer check revealed that the vehicle, a 2005 Mazda 3, was reported stolen by Prince George's County police. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Two vehicles were stolen. A blue 2008 Cadillac Escalade SUV with Md. tags 40465CE was taken from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway and a silver 4-door 2015 Chrysler 200 with Md. tags PYY134 was taken from the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane.

Multiple thefts from vehicles were reported. Three were from locked cars, two in the 8100 block Lakecrest Drive (two payroll checks; jacket and bottle of cologne) and one in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (two tablet-type computers). Change was taken from a possibly unlocked vehicle in the 5300 block Settling Pond Lane. Four tires and rims were taken from 7800 block Hanover Parkway. In the 7400 block Greenway Center Drive, an in-dash stereo was taken after the driver side window was broken.

An attempted theft occurred in the 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway, where a man tried to enter a locked vehicle by pulling on the door handles.

## Local Man Arrested For Child Pornography

A 50-year-old man residing in the 6900 block Hanover Parkway was arrested on April 21 and charged with possession of child pornography, displaying obscene matter to a minor and distributing child pornography. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

The arrest occurred after investigators with the Maryland Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force developed information about potential distribution of child pornography over the internet and served a search warrant at the man's residence. This led to the recovery of various digital media storage devices, subsequently submitted to the Maryland State Police Digital Forensics Lab for analysis.

The Maryland Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force members working this particular case are investigators from the Maryland State Police Computer Crimes Unit, state troopers from College Park Barrack Q, agents from Homeland Security Investigations Unit and detectives from the Greenbelt Police Department Criminal Investigations Unit.

## Homicide Investigation

A 43-year-old man was found deceased in his residence on April 27 around 6 p.m. after a caller told police he thought he had heard a single gunshot coming from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway hours earlier. The responding officers forced entry into the home after looking through the glass patio door and seeing a man lying on the floor. He died from a gunshot wound and the incident is being investigated as a homicide.

## Beltsville Garden Club Plant Sale May 7

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold a plant sale on Saturday, May 7 in the parking lot of High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road.

The sale runs from 8 a.m. to noon and will be held rain or shine. Come early for the best selection of quality plants at reasonable prices grown by members. A variety of houseplants, trees, shrubs, perennials, garden vegetable and annual flower plants will be available.

Plants grown by club volunteers in the Duckworth School greenhouse will also be for sale. All proceeds from the sale of these plants go to benefit the school.

The Beltsville Garden Club celebrates its 63rd anniversary this year and has a rich tradition of gardening and philanthropic activities. For information on the club, go to [beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://beltsvillegardenclub.org). There is a small annual fee for membership, which includes monthly informational meetings on garden topics and several club social events. New members are welcome at any time. No gardening experience is needed.

## Farmers Market to Open; Encourages Local Triathletes

by Cathie Meetre

The State Highways guys were only showing their overwhelming enthusiasm for local produce when they took down the market's closed signs on Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road a week early. The market, nonetheless, will open Mothers Day, May 8 at 10 a.m. and run until 2 p.m.

This year's market will offer a variety of springtime vegetables including that elusive species – the fresh and wondrous garden pea. It rapidly gets too hot around here for the humble but sensitive pea to flourish but the early birds at the market should be in luck. As each delicious item comes to fruition, the range of products expands and changes through the summer. Watch for tart cherries, blueberries, strawberries and raspberries – all coming around in their natural sequence and grown within 100 miles of Greenbelt. The market's crystal ball is confidently predicting pies in Greenbelt's future.

Occupying the parking lot between the Community Center and Roosevelt Center and with plenty of nearby parking and a bike rack at the pool, the market is in a prime spot. It's easy to combine lunch at the market, shopping for fresh vegetables and other errands in or around the Center. It's just a short hop to the New Deal (a market sponsor) too. Or take a swim. Better still, by bik-

ing to the pool, swimming a few laps and trotting the bike home because it's overloaded with cab-bages, almost anybody can be a triathlete.

This year's market team eagerly anticipates welcoming new and old vendors and shoppers alike. Market Master Nancy Solomon is back for her eighth season. It is worthy of note that vendors give high praise to Greenbelt's market for being well organized and consistently run. When they arrive they are greeted cordially, treated with courtesy and there is fairness and consistency in the market's layout and discipline in its approach. This is in no small measure due to Solomon's experience and expertise and to her pleasant but no-nonsense approach to running the market.

This year's market is committed to reducing trash generated by the market, with particular emphasis on plastic sacks. With an active bag bank program and a starting donation of canvas totes, visitors and vendors alike are requested to reuse and recycle. Zero Waste consultants will be on hand to help with composting and recycling.

The market's board reminds visitors that only on-duty service animals are allowed within the boundaries of the market.



PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

Jeff Lemieux and his turkey earn a leg of their triathlon at the end of last market season.

### Stop the Development at Lakeside North

Join the campaign to stop the proposed development of a 25-story, 400 unit luxury high rise apartment complex adjacent to the Lakeside North Apartments. The development will destroy 5 acres of beautiful wooded land in Greenbelt. Please visit our table at the Green Man Festival on May 7 and 8 in the Roosevelt Center Plaza to learn more about the proposed development and the Prince George's Zoning Rewrite. Show your opposition by signing the petition to stop this development.

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# Candidates for GHI Election

The following GHI members have formally indicated their agreement to serve if elected and supplied the following biographical sketches for publication by the Nominations & Elections Committee. GHI Members will elect Nominations & Elections Committee members during the Thursday, May 12 annual meeting. Election of Board of Directors and Audit Committee will begin when the annual meeting goes into recess, and continue Friday as described at right. Board members are elected to staggered 2-year terms. There are 4 open positions in this year’s election. The other 5 will be elected next year.

## Vote!

Annual Meeting  
7:30pm Thurs. May 12  
Community Center

7–10am & 5–8pm  
Friday May 13  
GHI Board Room  
Hamilton Place

## Board of Directors 2-Year Term (Vote for no more than 4)

**Stefan Brodd**  
2 Court Westway

I have been a member of GHI since 1999, and a resident of Greenbelt since 1981. I was elected to the Nominations and Elections Committee in May of 2014, and served until November of 2015, when the Board of Directors chose me to fill an unexpired term. While on the Board I have chaired the Subcommittee on Parking Regulations, which thoroughly revised that section of the Members’ Handbook, and also chaired the Bylaws Task Force, which developed the amendments being proposed by the Board at this year’s annual meeting. My husband Christopher Cherry and I offered our GHI home as part of the Pilot Project, the precursor to the current Homes Improvement Program. Professionally I am a musician; in a previous career I worked at NASA–Goddard Space Flight Center in software development and data analysis. I have served as a board member and volunteer for several non-profit organizations. I am committed to cooperative ideals and, in particular, to their living embodiment in GHI.

**Stephen Holland**  
56 Court Ridge Road

I moved to Greenbelt in 2003 and have lived in GHI for most of the past 13 years. The sense of community, walkability, and nearby woodlands keep me here. GHI’s engaged members and its tradition of long-term planning make the co-op an exceptional place to live. I currently serve on GHI’s Finance Committee and have worked with the Buildings Committee and Crawlspace Taskforce. I am active in the local effort to improve public transit and serve as treasurer of the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance. As a scientist and programmer at NASA/Goddard, I work with large amounts of complex data and attempt to find practical solutions to unexpected problems. I look forward to the opportunity to apply these skills to GHI.

**Ed James**  
56 Court Crescent Road

Ed James has been an active GHI member since 1977. He has been a Director for 10 years and Secretary for 8 years. He serves on the Woodlands Committee and Buildings Committee, and various work groups and task forces. He has also served as Treasurer and on the Audit Committee, and several appointed committees. Other current activities include the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union (Director), the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation (Director/Treasurer) and the Garden Club.

Ed has also been a Greenbelt Jaycees Treasurer, Greenbelt CPR instructor, GIAC co-founder/Director, NDC Director and Audit Committee member, and a member of Green ACES and the Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch.

His educational background includes degrees in Physics, Biochemistry, Zoology, and Computer Science. His professional background includes Martin Marietta Labs, the IMF, Sprint, the University of Maryland, EPA, NASA, and DOT. He retired early as a Software Engineer, and enjoys community volunteering, physical training, and gardening.

**Kim Kweder**  
1 Court Laurel Hill Road

Kim Kweder has lived in GHI since July 2015. She has a MPA from the 4th ranking Public Affairs school in the nation, USC. Has 8 years of strong written and oral communications, organizational design, and management consulting. She is outraged in paying \$501.88 per month on severely poor insulation to her frame unit. Her main reason for running is to help prevent the co-op from permanent self-destruction. She wants to help residents’ voices be heard and for us to take action on internal abuses. She’ll fight GHI to:

- Provide a solid, executable Crawlspace Action Plan for residents now to 2020.
- Provide a solid, executable Rooftop Replacement Plan now to 2020.
- Clear, transparent descriptions of the budget breakdown.
- Improve customer-facing services in HIP.
- Revisit the cap spent in GHI’s renovations on evicted slum tenants.
- Record all Board meetings and offer a dial-in option.
- Sell off the GHI-owned apartments.

**Diana McFadden**  
56 Court Ridge Road

Diana McFadden joined GHI in 2002 and has served on the Board since May of 2006.

Diana earned a BA in Political Science in 1979. Travels in America and abroad helped her to recognize qualities that thriving communities have in common – and she will continue to promote these qualities in GHI.

Diana has served on several Task Forces on which she helped to craft policies that increased fairness and flexibility in our Shed Rules and permitted Members to have skylights in Additions, with no risk to GHI. Diana also helped to develop the Smokefree Rows program. She participated in the Community Associations Institute’s Board Leadership Development Workshop in April of this year.

## Audit Committee 1-Year Term (Vote for no more than 3)

**Henry Haslinger**  
4 Court Ridge Road

GHI’s guidelines limit candidates to 150 words, so this will be brief. My GHI-related elected office experience includes one term on the Audit Committee from 2009 to 2010; and three terms on the Nominations and Elections Committee from 2011 to 2014, including two terms as the Committee’s Chair. I also was appointed to GHI’s Addition Maintenance Program Task Force, at its formation in 2011 until 2013, when the group submitted its final recommendations to the Board of Directors.

I grew up in GHI, have lived here my entire life so far, and became a GHI member in 1974. I graduated with a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Maryland, majoring in Business Management. My first job after graduation was with GHI, where I served on the General Manager’s staff for four years. Currently, I have a part-time position as a consultant in the area of real estate acquisition.

**Leeann Irwin**  
13 Court Ridge Road

After serving on the Audit Committee for the current term, Leeann Irwin wants to use her new knowledge and run again for the position. In the fall of 2007 she became a member of GHI. Leeann’s activism in the larger Greenbelt community includes organizing and participating with the Utopia Film Festival, Greenbelt Community Church and the board of Friends of the new Deal Café Arts (FOND-CA). As a sole proprietor of Shiatsu for Health, LLC since 1998, Irwin is a Licensed Massage Therapist with offices in Silver Spring, Annapolis and Greenbelt. Volunteer experiences include facilitation and consensus building with grass roots organizations, nonviolence training, public speaking, hospice work, and mediation and arbitration. Additional professional work in recent years includes: teaching English as a second language with Prince George’s Community College, interning at Congressman Steny Hoyer’s capital and district offices, and serving as an Interfaith Chaplain through the Clinical Pastoral Education Program at Washington Hospital Center.

**Paul Kapfer**  
6 Court Hillside Road

I moved into a GHI home in 2013 and volunteered in 2015 to fill a vacancy on the Audit Committee. I have assisted members with governance issues that concerned them, helped provide audit coverage at every Board meeting, and spoken up when I thought I could influence decisions favorably. My areas of focus for the next year would be: (1) Helping GHI oversee and document the additional crawl space work recently discovered; (2) Reviewing the GHI investment policy; and (3) Ensuring our Homes Improvement Program provides excellent value, both in the contracting and in the execution. I am an attorney by profession and served for 20 years in the U.S. Navy. I’m now working on a master’s degree in real estate at the University of Maryland. I also chair the Audit Committee of a nonprofit organization in New Mexico.

**Molly Lester**  
6 Court Hillside Road

Molly Lester grew up in a cooperative community near Glen Echo, MD. She first moved to GHI in 1988 and has been a member since 2001.

Molly graduated from Georgetown University, with honors, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Her professional experience includes working as an analyst specializing in contracts, vendor and risk management. This experience includes training in internal control audits. Molly has also served as a non-professional fiduciary in several capacities. As the administrator of an estate, she discovered the misappropriation of assets by a professional fiduciary. Molly pursued the matter and recovered assets on behalf of the beneficiary.

Molly was appointed to GHI’s Legislative and Government Affairs Committee earlier this year. She looks forward to bringing her professional skills and experience to her role as a member of the Audit Committee if elected.



# 50 Years Living in GHI Home

by Sara N. Johnston



Sara N. Johnston

PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

It must be interesting to think of someone who makes success by reaching a Golden Wedding Anniversary of 50 years. And in early 2016 there was a big celebration of 50 Super Bowl of Football Game. As for my living in the same unit, I can't imagine that I made it by reaching 50 years since my family and I moved in February 26, 1966.

My beloved husband Charles and I unfruitfully looked for a good home for eight months. Finally Charles selected a better unit to fit a size for our family. At first I objected to his idea because of its flat roof. Later I accepted it on account of being much convenient near the Greenbelt Center later called Roosevelt Mall.

Charles lived in the unit only for 22 years before his death in 1988. It is worthy of my memory

of him to pick the place for me. Here is another memory of my beloved grandson Shawn, 26, who died last February 8. He and his older brother Justin lived in my home with their single mother, my daughter Jody. Then they moved to Mechanicsburg, Penna. in the year of 1996. At the time Justin was 10 while Shawn was 6.

Since I am deaf, I found myself difficult to communicate with Shawn, who is hearing. At the time I would say he was about 4 while Jody was at work. For me, I tried to challenge myself in order for me to ask Shawn what he wanted to eat. I decided to open some cabinets in the kitchen to take some boxes of snacks, cereal, etc. I showed them to him. He replied no and still became frustrated. I decided not to give up and asked him to draw a picture. His drawing popped my mind that I finally got a box of pancake mix and a bottle of maple syrup. He made a clear picture of drawing a round circle with a black shade within the circle. He replied yes with his crying. We hugged each other. I still keep the drawing paper in an album of kid's school drawings. When he became older, I showed it to him. He remembered it with a smile. Later he became more eager to learn to sign the last Christmas before his death.

Since we live in high technology, a new electric chairlift was installed last September 25.

Had the technology not existed nowadays, I would not be able to make it upstairs by reaching 50 years due to my "worn out" legs. And what is more, mostly two times a week I babysit my little sweet American-Ethiopian grandson Teo of 17 months old. Teo loves to ride on the equipment with me while he becomes fascinated to see how its operation gradually moves up and down.

There are many photo albums and pictures on walls and on shelves everywhere in my home. I have treasured them in remembrance of my life and my family. Especially my worthy of memory of beloved husband's selection of the unit. Also of beloved grandson Shawn's breaking ice of our communications down in my home sweet home dwelling of 50 years from 1966 to 2016 – a sample of 50 year celebration of this writing.

### Boxwood Village Scholarship Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a resident of Boxwood Village. It is available to graduating high school seniors and to full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. For further information and/or to pick up an application form, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597 or Judy Ott at 301-474-0222.

### Promote Zero Waste At the Green Man

The Zero Waste Circle of Greenbelt will be helping to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill at the Green Man Festival May 7 and 8 and is seeking volunteers who would like to help at zero waste stations at the group's booth and for many other tasks. Service hours are available to students. To sign up, go to Sign Up Genius at [signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-zero1](http://signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-zero1) or contact Tom Taylor at [tom-taylor0401@gmail.com](mailto:tom-taylor0401@gmail.com) or 301-513-9524 or Susan Barnett at [susnbarn@earthlink.net](mailto:susnbarn@earthlink.net) or 301-474-7465.

### Festival Offers Pathways To Sustainability

Come visit the Pathways to Sustainability booth this weekend. Pathways to Sustainability is a Green Team project focused on mapping and promoting sustainable practices throughout the city. Come by to register your rain barrel, compost bin, pollinator garden, rain garden or more and get on our map! And see the maps of what has already been registered. For more information contact Susan Barnett at [susnbarn@earthlink.net](mailto:susnbarn@earthlink.net) or 301-474-7465.

### Need Blood Donations

During Trauma Awareness Month in May, the American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give blood and help ensure a sufficient supply for patient emergencies.

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Nearby upcoming donation sites include one in Greenbelt on May 27 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. in the Community Center; two in Bowie, May 16 from 2 to 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 6111 Columbian Way (Route 3 north of Route 50), and May 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive; one in College Park on May 17 from 1 to 6:30 p.m. at Moose Lodge 453, 3700 Metzert Road; and one in New Carrollton on May 24 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Building, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway.

### Send us your photos!

The News Review would like to print more photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer, and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture. The photos may be black and white or color in the print issue but will be color in the online version. Send us no more than five photos at a time.



## Candidates for GHI Election (continued)

### Nominations & Elections Committee 1-Year Term

(Vote for no more than 5)

**Alex Barnes**  
4 Court Crescent Road

Alex grew up in Greenbelt and lived his first ten years in GHI. Since graduating from Roosevelt, he has left and returned to Greenbelt many times, staying from months to years. Alex's parents and brother live in Greenbelt, his brother having joined GHI in 2001. Alex joined GHI with his wife and toddler this past fall.

Alex earned a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering and worked in that field for a couple years. He was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Africa for five years. Alex spent another seven years living in different intentional communities: a commune of 100 people, another of four, a Catholic Worker house, and an Eco-village. During one of his returns to Greenbelt, Alex helped start the New Deal Cafe. Alex is currently a homemaker.

**Theresa Henderson**  
1 Court Laurel Hill Road

Theresa was born and raised in the Washington, D.C. area. She has lived in GHI since 1983. She currently enjoys living on Laurel Hill Rd. with her husband Steve, their two adult children Maddy and Steven, her brother Joe Leverone, their two cats and a bird. She is cur-

rently employed at the USDA Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center. She is presently serving on the Nominations and Elections Committee for her third term and has been delighted to work with the other committee members and staff. She is also serving as the president of the Greenbelt Tennis Association, the clerk of Greenbelt Community Church and the treasurer of Altrusa International of Montgomery County.

**Tom Jones**  
1 Court Woodland Way

Tom was raised on Northway and has been a GHI member since 1997, has a Bachelor's degree in Physics and an MBA. He works as a Program Manager for the University of Maryland Center for Advanced Transportation Technology Laboratory. Tom is running to serve for a third year on the Nominations & Elections committee.

You may recall Tom asked a question about the finance report at the 2010 GHI annual meeting; as a result he was asked to chair the Finance Report Subcommittee that drafted revisions now implemented to make each year's report easier to understand. In 2011, he chaired the GHI website redesign committee resulting in the new [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop) site.

He also serves on the Audit Committee for the New Deal Café, the Board of Directors for the News Review, and for 22 years served on the Board of Rapidan Camps, all cooperatives from Greenbelt.

**Terry Kucera**  
3 Court Crescent Road

Terry Kucera has lived in Greenbelt for over twenty years and has been a member of GHI since 2000. She is currently on the board of the Greenbelt Farmers Market. She has served on the N&E committee this past year and is willing to do so again.

**Anna Socrates**  
14 Court Ridge Rod

I moved to Greenbelt in December 2007 and have lived on Ridge Road ever since. Although I loved my urban lifestyle, Greenbelt seemed so fresh and clean after the grit of Baltimore. The engaged and outspoken co-op members were entirely new in my experience, though their friendliness reminded me of the Midwest, where I grew up.

I soon found my niche with other knitters, bus riders, and fellow writers and editors on the Communications Committee. These new friends led to other friends and activities, and I later joined the Arts Advisory Board and the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum Board. I've gained personal satisfaction and professional growth as a writer through the many opportunities for community involvement in Greenbelt. I hope my network of acquaintances from civic activities and my communications skills will be useful to the Nominations and Elections Committee.



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## YARD/MOVING SALES

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Observing will begin at around 9 p.m. and continue for about two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be cancelled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

The ASG will also host an event, free and open to the public to monitor the transit of Mercury across the Sun on Monday, May 9 at the city observatory. Those interested in catching a glimpse (do not look directly at the Sun to try to see this) of this relatively rare astronomical event are welcome to come and go during the course of the 8-hour transit, starting at 7 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. Visitors will be able to see the silhouette of Mercury as it crosses the Sun through the observatory telescope, fitted with a solar filter and a video camera for the occasion. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will also be viewing through a solar telescope specially designed for the purpose of observing the Sun.

Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill. The event will be cancelled if the day is rainy.

Upcoming Events  
At The New Deal

Thursday, May 5, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Paige Powell from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, May 6, John Guernsey plays piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Hillbilly Gypsies offer high-energy “old timey” West Virginia bluegrass from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 7 from 2 to 3 p.m., Margaret Stricklett hosts Loving Yourself Is Good Singing, a demonstration of breathing exercises for better singing. Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. and Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Djesben, a global music trio, play original tunes and inspired covers from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 8, the Deaf Brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Kiva weaves a tapestry of ancient cultures into mystical folk music from 5 to 8 p.m.


Tuesday, May 10, Two of Us re-creates the solo work of John Lennon and Paul McCartney from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11, Paul Doffing offers up original indie-folk music from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, May 12, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by James and Martha from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, May 13, Guernsey plays classical American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Stealing Liberty, a Grateful Dead cover band, performs from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 14, Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. and Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. IlyAIMY performs mixed music genres from rock to folk and soul to bluegrass from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.



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# AP Capstone at ERHS Provides Rigorous Courses in Humanities

by Joseph Foley



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The ERHS Capstone seniors pose with their certificates.

AP Capstone, that is Advanced Placement Capstone, is a class that allows students to engage in scholarly practice while in high school, preparing them with skills necessary for college.

“Roosevelt is known as a magnet school for science and technology,” said Troy Bradbury, Capstone Site Coordinator at ERHS, “but the beauty of Capstone is that . . . it offers the same amount of rigor as the science and technology school, and it allows multiple options, not only one.”

The program started at Eleanor Roosevelt High School two years ago, with an initial class of 25 students. Next year’s graduating class is projected to have over 60 students, according to Bradbury. While the Science and Tech program includes students from several parts of the county, only Greenbelt residents are allowed in the Capstone program.

Capstone is a four-year program, with students completing a minimum of 12 credits or four courses in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) classes during their freshman and sophomore years. Seniors complete a research project as a culmination of the program.

“The research paper senior year is essentially like a master’s thesis in college. The research topic is of their own choosing, and it can be qualitative, quantitative or both,” said Bradbury.

Rachel Alexander has two daughters with Capstone experience. Clare is currently enrolled in the program as a junior and Mairead is an English and music double major at UMBC after graduating in 2015. “I have been impressed with the way the Capstone class gets students to think about a topic from a lot of different perspectives,” said Alexander. “I have been surprised and interested in what my daughters have chosen as their research topics:

the overprescribing of benzodiazepines, benevolent sexism and African American vernacular English.”

Capstone is built on the foundation of two courses – AP Seminar and AP Research. Bradbury, who teaches the Seminar and Research classes, leads Capstone alongside Alex Kinder, a science teacher who teaches research skills.

“It’s different from other programs in that it’s very skills-based,” said Bradbury. “If you take four other AP classes outside of the two AP Capstone courses, you are eligible for an AP diploma.”

The program requires a short application but is open to most students, according to Bradbury. The program looks for students with a serious work ethic and a desire to push themselves, and admissions is not only grade-based. For students that may not necessarily know what career to pursue, but are highly diligent, Capstone could be the program for them.

“Capstone is an excellent program, and I am very excited to have my daughter participate in it. I was very impressed by the quality of the research presented by the seniors at the Capstone Colloquium on April 29,” said Anne Gardner, president of the ERHS Parent Teacher Student Association.

Bradbury will be speaking about the Capstone program at the ERHS PTSA meeting on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be in the media center of ERHS. Parents of students, particularly students currently in middle school, are encouraged to attend and learn more about the program.

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# Girl Scouts Celebrate World Thinking Day on April 16

by Serena Byers, Cadette Troop 2065

Girls Scouts from Service Unit 23-5 celebrated World Thinking Day at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Saturday, April 16. This year’s theme was “Connect with Each Other and the World.” Each troop chose a country to study their cultures, foods and how Girls Scouts are celebrated in that country.

The event was attended by over 100 Girl Scouts and family members. The afternoon began with a traditional flag ceremony followed by an international parade, fun hands-on activities, and an international food sampling. Former Girl Scout Denna Lambert, who works at NASA as an EEO specialist, was the guest speaker. Deena is visually impaired and shared how she connects with the world even though she has been blind since birth. The girls ended their evening with songs and the Girl Scout friendship circle.

World Thinking Day is an international celebration of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. It is commemorated on February 22 in more than 146 countries around the world.



Girl Scout Troop 2065 holds a Flag Ceremony on Thinking Day 2016.



Girl scouts participate in a Thinking Day international parade with guest speaker Denna Lambert.

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